

## PORTUGUESE GUINEA

From the late 15th century, a part of the Guinea coast was a Portuguese colony, and source of gold, slaves, ivory and pepper.

In the 18th century, slaving became a major industry, with thousands of Africans sent to work in plantations, first in Cape Verde, and later in Brazil. By 1850 condemnation of the trade turned Guinea into a wider based colony, growing tropical produce, especially peanuts.

A constant problem was that the costs of colonial administration and military occupation usually exceeded the apparent economic benefits. Parts of Guinea in the countryside were hardly controlled at all and hut tax was often evaded. The small size of the colony compared with Angola and Mozambique, and the lack of European investment in Guinea, meant that the volume of administrative procedures was quite low and the need for revenue stamps consequently small. Despite this, the administration prepared the usual long series of revenue stamps typical of Portugal and its colonies.

From the 1930s to the 1960s peanuts remained the main export, used as a source of oil. Most other agricultural production was limited to growing crops for local consumption.

In 1951, world criticism of colonialism persuaded Portugal to turn its colonies into "Overseas Territories", although in reality, little changed. From 1960, a growing independence movement led by the PAIGC resulted in a full-scale anti-colonial war; by 1970 the rebels held over half the territory of Guinea, a further quarter was disputed, and the Portuguese colonialists held only the coast and the inland town and territory of Bafata. The PAIGC declared the independence of Guinea-Bissau in 1973, recognised by Portugal in 1974.

The new state of Guinea-Bissau continued to face economic problems under the new one-party state, and a civil war in 1998 further crippled the economy. However, there were new elections and new leadership in 2004/5, although since then, violence has continued to mark political life in Guinea-Bissau.

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## PORTUGUESE GUINEA REVENUE



1882. Revenue stamps of Cape Verde, overprinted GUINE / PORTUGUEZA. First printing in dark brown, later printings in red-brown. Imperf.

1.	10r green & brown .....	3.50
2.	20r green & brown .....	3.50
3.	30r green & brown .....	5.00
4.	40r green & brown .....	5.00
5.	50r green & brown .....	5.00
6.	60r green & brown .....	5.00
7.	80r green & brown .....	35.00
8.	100r green & brown .....	5.00
9.	200r green & brown .....	7.50
10.	300r green & brown .....	15.00
11.	400r green & brown .....	50.00
12.	500r green & brown .....	25.00
13.	600r green & brown .....	35.00
14.	700r green & brown .....	75.00
15.	800r green & brown .....	100.00
16.	900r green & brown .....	150.00
17.	1\$000 green & brown .....	50.00
18.	2\$000 green & brown .....	50.00
19.	3\$000 green & brown .....	100.00
20.	4\$000 green & brown .....	100.00
21.	5\$000 green & brown .....	100.00
22.	6\$000 green & brown .....	200.00
23.	7\$000 green & brown .....	200.00
24.	8\$000 green & brown .....	200.00
25.	9\$000 green & brown .....	250.00

All of the above exist as specimen stamps, but not all the high values may have been issued in the colony.



1905. Arms key type.

26.	10r green & black .....	1.00
27.	20r green & black .....	1.00
28.	30r green & black .....	1.00
29.	40r green & black .....	2.00
30.	50r green & black .....	1.00
31.	60r green & black .....	3.50
32.	80r green & black .....	3.50
33.	100r green & black .....	3.50
34.	200r green & black .....	5.00
35.	300r green & black .....	5.00
36.	400r green & black .....	7.50
37.	500r green & black .....	5.00
38.	600r green & black .....	10.00
39.	700r green & black .....	25.00
40.	800r green & black .....	25.00
41.	900r green & black .....	25.00
42.	1\$00 green & black .....	5.00
43.	2\$00 green & black .....	10.00
44.	3\$00 green & black .....	20.00
45.	4\$00 green & black .....	35.00
46.	5\$00 green & black .....	20.00
47.	6\$00 green & black .....	50.00
48.	7\$00 green & black .....	50.00
49.	8\$00 green & black .....	75.00
50.	9\$00 green & black .....	100.00

The top few high values may not have been issued in the colony.



1912. Issue of 1905, overprinted REPUBLICA.

52.	10r green & black .....	1.00
53.	20r green & black .....	1.00
54.	30r green & black .....	1.00
55.	40r green & black .....	2.00
56.	50r green & black .....	1.00
57.	60r green & black .....	3.50
58.	80r green & black .....	3.50
59.	100r green & black .....	3.50
60.	200r green & black .....	5.00
61.	300r green & black .....	5.00
62.	400r green & black .....	7.50
63.	500r green & black .....	5.00
64.	600r green & black .....	10.00
65.	700r green & black .....	25.00
66.	800r green & black .....	25.00
67.	900r green & black .....	25.00
68.	1\$00 green & black .....	5.00
69.	2\$00 green & black .....	10.00
70.	3\$00 green & black .....	20.00
71.	4\$00 green & black .....	35.00
72.	5\$00 green & black .....	20.00
73.	6\$00 green & black .....	50.00
74.	7\$00 green & black .....	50.00
75.	8\$00 green & black .....	75.00
76.	9\$00 green & black .....	100.00

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1920. Postage stamps, surcharged.

77. 6c on 130r bistre on buff ..... 50.00  
78. 5c on 130c on 80r grey ..... 50.00

Although similar in appearance to postage stamps, these were intended for use purely as revenue stamps.



1920. Postage stamps of 1895 (King Carlos), similarly surcharged, but additionally ovpt I.S. (Imposto do Sello).

79. 1c on 100r blue on blue ..... 50.00  
80. 8c on 75r lilac ..... 50.00  
81. 10c on 100r blue on blue ..... 75.00



1920. Postage stamps of 1912 (Sower), similarly surcharged, but additionally ovpt I.S. (Imposto do Sello).

82. 1c on 1/4c sepia ..... 10.00  
83. 2c on 1/2c black ..... 25.00  
84. 3c on 1c green ..... 25.00  
85. 4c on 2 1/2c lilac ..... 25.00  
86. 10c on 1/4c sepia ..... 25.00



1939. Head of Republic.

87. 10c brown & black ..... .50  
88. 30c brown & black ..... .50  
89. 50c brown & black ..... .50  
90. 70c brown & black ..... .50  
91. 80c brown & black ..... .50  
92. 1\$00 black ..... .50  
93. 2\$00 black ..... .50

94. 2\$500 black ..... .50  
95. 3\$00 black ..... .75  
96. 4\$00 black ..... 1.00  
97. 5\$00 black ..... .50  
98. 6\$00 violet & black ..... 2.00  
99. 7\$00 violet & black ..... 2.00  
100. 8\$00 violet & black ..... 2.00  
101. 9\$00 violet & black ..... 2.00  
102. 10\$00 brown & black ..... 1.00  
103. 15\$00 brown & black ..... 3.50  
104. 20\$00 brown & black ..... 2.00  
105. 30\$00 brown & black ..... 3.50  
106. 40\$00 brown & black ..... 5.00  
107. 50\$00 green & black ..... 3.50  
108. 60\$00 green & black ..... 10.00  
109. 70\$00 brown & black ..... 15.00  
110. 80\$00 brown & black ..... 20.00  
111. 90\$00 green & black ..... 35.00  
112. 100\$00 green & black ..... 15.00  
113. 200\$00 blue & black ..... 25.00  
114. 300\$00 blue & black ..... 25.00  
115. 400\$00 blue & black ..... 35.00  
116. 500\$00 blue & black ..... 25.00  
117. 1000\$00 orange & black ..... 50.00



c1950. Overprinted for surtax charge, A : "Sobre / taxa", or B : "Sobre / carga".

118. 1\$00 on 9\$00 violet A ..... 10.00  
119. 5\$00 on 30\$00 violet B ..... 10.00



1968. Arms.

120. 10c sepia & black ..... .50  
121. 20c sepia & black ..... .50  
122. 30c sepia & black ..... .50  
123. 40c sepia & black ..... .50  
124. 50c lilac & black ..... .50  
125. 60c lilac & black ..... .50  
126. 70c lilac & black ..... .75  
127. 80c lilac & black ..... 1.00  
128. 90c lilac & black ..... 1.00  
129. 1\$00 blue & black ..... .50  
130. 2\$00 blue & black ..... .75  
131. 3\$00 blue & black ..... 1.00  
132. 4\$00 blue & black ..... 1.50  
133. 5\$00 green & black ..... .50  
134. 6\$00 green & black ..... 2.00  
135. 7\$00 green & black ..... 2.00  
136. 8\$00 green & black ..... 2.50  
137. 9\$00 green & black ..... 3.50  
138. 10\$00 brown & black ..... 1.00  
139. 15\$00 brown & black ..... 2.00  
140. 20\$00 brown & black ..... 2.00  
141. 30\$00 brown & black ..... 2.00  
142. 40\$00 brown & black ..... 2.50  
143. 50\$00 brown & black ..... 1.50  
144. 60\$00 green & black ..... 3.50  
145. 70\$00 green & black ..... 5.00  
146. 80\$00 green & black ..... 5.00  
147. 90\$00 green & black ..... 10.00

148. 100\$00 red & black ..... 5.00  
149. 200\$00 green & black ..... 7.50  
150. 300\$00 brown & black ..... 15.00  
151. 400\$00 orange & black ..... 15.00  
152. 500\$00 brown & black ..... 15.00  
153. 1000\$00 blue & black ..... 35.00

# PORTUGUESE GUINEA ALFANDEGA

Customs Duty. Taxpaid label to show customs duty paid.



1970. Typeset. Perf c12.

- 1. (-) black on rose ..... 5.00

# PORTUGUESE GUINEA ASSISTENCIA

Charity tax.



1934. Typo by Imprensa Nacional de Guiné (illustration slightly reduced). No gum. Perf 11½.

1. 50c claret & pale green ..... 10.00  
 Period of required use was 1st to 30th April and 15th December to 15th January for years 1934 to 1937.



1938. Large Arms design. No gum. Perf 11½.

- 2. 50c yellow-olive ..... 7.50



1939. Same design but bicolour. No gum. Perf 11½.

- 3. 50c sepia & pale green ..... 7.50
- 3a. sepia & bright green ..... 7.50



1942 etc. Small Arms design. No gum. Perf 11.

- 4. 30c black & brown (July 1959) ..... 50
- 5. 50c black & yellow-green (1st April 1942) ..... 3.50
- 5a. black & yellow (date?) ..... 2.00
- 5b. brown & yellow (1961) ..... 2.00
- 6. 2E50 black & pale blue (1st Dec 1967) ..... 50
- 7. 5E black & deep green (1st Dec 1967) ..... 50
- 8. 10E black & deep blue (1st Dec 1967) ..... 1.00



1968. Revenue stamp, ovpt "Assistencia".  
 9. 1E blue & black ..... 10.00





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- 1967 (50c, Dec 1967) or 1968 (rest, March 1968). Artefacts from the Bissau Museum. Litho. Perf 13½.
- 10. 50c (Woman preparing food) .....50
  - 11. 1E Tree of Life .....50
  - 12. 2E Statue with cow head, inscribed TOCADOR DE BOMBOLON ..... 15.00
  - 13. 2E Statue with cow head, inscribed VACA BRUTO .....50
  - 14. 2E50 Magistrate .....75
  - 15. 5E Servant ..... 1.00
  - 16. 10E Pelican ..... 2.50



1968. Artefacts miniature sheet (illustration reduced, 150x200mm). Sold at 25E. No gum. Imperf.

- 17. (25E) multicoloured ..... 25.00



1968. Artefacts issue, surcharged.

- 18. 50c on 2E .....50
- 19. 1E on 2E .....50



1971 (June). Allegory of charity. Litho by Litografia de Portugal, Lisbon. Background pale wash in second colour stated. Perf 13.

- 20. 50c multicoloured, yellow .....20
- 21. 1E multicoloured, dull olive .....20
- 22. 2E multicoloured, sea-green .....20
- 23. 3E multicoloured, yellow .....50
- 24. 4E multicoloured, khaki .....50
- 25. 5E multicoloured, white .....50
- 26. 10E multicoloured, beige .....75
- 27. 20E multicoloured, gey-blue .... 2.50
- 28. 50E multicoloured, colour? ..... 5.00

# PORTUGUESE GUINEA CONTRIBUICAO INDUSTRIAL



1899. Guinea postage stamps, overprinted ULTRAMAR / CONTRIB.Industr. Perf 11½.

- 1. 5r orange & black ..... 20.00
- 2. 10r pale green & black ..... 20.00
- 3. 20r lilac & black ..... 25.00
- 4. 50r dark blue & black ..... 25.00
- 5. 80r lilac & black ..... 50.00
- 6. 100r bright blue & black on buff ..... 50.00
- 7. 150r purple-brown & black on buff ..... 75.00
- 8. 200r purple & black on rose .... 75.00



1899. Ultramar Arms key type in brown. Perf 11½x12.

- 9. 2r brown & buff ..... 2.00
- 10. 5r brown & buff ..... 2.00
- 11. 10r brown & buff ..... 2.00
- 12. 20r brown & buff ..... 2.50
- 13. 30r brown & buff ..... 3.50
- 14. 40r brown & buff ..... 3.50
- 15. 50r brown & buff ..... 3.50
- 16. 60r brown & buff ..... 3.50
- 17. 70r brown & buff ..... 3.50
- 18. 80r brown & buff ..... 3.50
- 19. 90r brown & buff ..... 3.50
- 20. 100r brown & buff ..... 3.50
- 21. 200r brown & buff ..... 5.00
- 22. 300r brown & buff ..... 7.50
- 23. 400r brown & buff ..... 20.00
- 24. 500r brown & buff ..... 20.00
- 25. 600r brown & buff ..... 20.00
- 26. 700r brown & buff ..... 20.00
- 27. 800r brown & buff ..... 35.00
- 28. 900r brown & buff ..... 50.00
- 29. 1\$000 brown & buff ..... 50.00
- 30. 2\$000 brown & buff ..... 50.00
- 31. 3\$000 brown & buff ..... 75.00
- 32. 4\$000 brown & buff ..... 75.00
- 33. 5\$000 brown & buff ..... 75.00
- 34. 10\$000 brown & buff ..... 100.00
- 35. 20\$000 brown & buff ..... 150.00

Fpr similar stamps in the same colour, but with "avos" currency, see Macao.

All of the above are known from printing records, but not all the high values may have been issued in the colony.



1912. Issue of 1899, overprinted **REPUBLICA**.

36. 2r brown & buff .....	2.00
37. 5r brown & buff .....	2.00
38. 10r brown & buff .....	2.00
39. 20r brown & buff .....	2.50
40. 30r brown & buff .....	3.50
41. 40r brown & buff .....	3.50
42. 50r brown & buff .....	3.50
43. 60r brown & buff .....	3.50
44. 70r brown & buff .....	3.50
45. 80r brown & buff .....	3.50
46. 90r brown & buff .....	3.50
47. 100r brown & buff .....	3.50
48. 200r brown & buff .....	5.00
49. 300r brown & buff .....	7.50
50. 400r brown & buff .....	20.00
51. 500r brown & buff .....	20.00
52. 600r brown & buff .....	20.00
53. 700r brown & buff .....	20.00
54. 800r brown & buff .....	35.00
55. 900r brown & buff .....	50.00
56. 1\$000 brown & buff .....	50.00
57. 2\$000 brown & buff .....	50.00
58. 3\$000 brown & buff .....	75.00
59. 4\$000 brown & buff .....	75.00
60. 5\$000 brown & buff .....	75.00
61. 10\$000 brown & buff .....	100.00
62. 20\$000 brown & buff .....	150.00

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## PORTUGUESE GUINEA DEFENSA

These stamps raised taxes to support Portuguese colonial troops in the battle against the PAIGC liberation front, who controlled more than half the territory of Portuguese Guinea (mainly rural areas) by the late 1960s.



1967. Maltese Cross, on a security background (rectangles of different shapes for each value), text over the Maltese Cross. Typo, National Printing Works, Portuguese Guinea. No gum. Perf 11x11½.

1. 50c carmine, rose & black ..... 1.00
2. 1E carmine, green & black ..... 1.00
3. 5E carmine, buff & black ..... 2.50
4. 10E carmine, pale blue & black 5.00



1967. Text above and below the Maltese Cross, and plain background. Typo, National Printing Works, Portuguese Guinea. No gum. Perf 11x11½.

5. 50c red, rose & black ..... .50
6. 1E red, pale green & black ..... .50
7. 5E red, pale grey & black ..... 1.00
8. 10E red, pale grey-blue & black 1.50



1968. Joined hands with bayonet and flag (red, green, yellow & black), with the background in second colour stated. Litho by Litografica de Portugal, Lisbon. Perf 13½.

9. 50c multicoloured & pink ..... .25
10. 1E multicoloured & green ..... .25
11. 2E multicoloured & yellow ..... .35
12. 2E50 multicoloured & orange ..... .35
13. 3E multicoloured & green ..... .50
14. 4E multicoloured & grey ..... .50
15. 5E multicoloured & grey ..... .75
16. 8E multicoloured & brown ..... 1.00
17. 9E multicoloured & buff ..... 1.50
18. 10E multicoloured & blue ..... 1.00
19. 15E multicoloured & green ..... 2.00
20. 30E multicoloured & buff ..... 5.00
21. 50E multicoloured & violet... 10.00
22. 100E multicoloured & brown 20.00

## PORTUGUESE GUINEA FARMACEUTICAS

Medicine Tax.



1942. Arms. Perf c12.

1. 1c orange & black ..... 7.50
2. 2c orange & black ..... 7.50
3. 3c orange & black ..... 7.50
4. 5c orange & black ..... 7.50
5. 10c orange & black ..... 7.50
6. 20c orange & black ..... 10.00
7. 25c orange & black ..... 10.00
8. 50c orange & black ..... 15.00
9. 1E orange & black ..... 20.00



1960. A series of 17 taxpays were introduced, showing a graded range of retail values to be taxed, but the tax charge was not shown.

## PORTUGUESE GUINEA GUERRA

War Tax for costs of Portugal's involvement in WWI.



1919. Contribuicao Industrial of 1899, overprinted TAXA DE GUERRA.

1. 40r brown & black ..... 50.00
2. 50r brown & black ..... 150.00



1919. Contribuicao Industrial of 1899, overprinted TAXA DE GUERRA.

- (3. 2r brown & black)
4. 10r brown & black ..... 50.00
5. 50r brown & black ..... 50.00
- (6. 60r brown & black)



c1920. Above issue, surcharged to show value in new currency.

7. 5c on 2r brown & black ..... 75.00
8. 5c on 60r brown & black ..... 150.00

## GUINEA BISSAU RECONSTRUCAO NACIONAL

General revenue tax stamps for the new state of Guinea-Bissau, which achieved independence from colonial rule (proclaimed in 1973 and recognised by Portugal in 1974).



1975. Joined hands with bayonet and flag (red, green, yellow & black), with the background in second colour stated. Overprinted with "Reconstrucao Nacional" and ten stars. Litho by Litografica de Portugal, Lisbon. Perf 13½.

1. 2E multicoloured & yellow ..... 1.00
2. 2E50 multicoloured & orange . 1.50
3. 5E multicoloured & grey ..... 2.00
4. 8E multicoloured & brown ..... 3.50
5. 9E multicoloured & buff ..... 3.50
6. 10E multicoloured & blue ..... 3.50
7. 15E multicoloured & green ..... 5.00
8. 30E multicoloured & buff ..... 7.50
9. 50E multicoloured & violet... 10.00
10. 100E multicoloured & brown 15.00

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1978. Reconstruction.

11. 1E .....
12. 2E .....
13. 5E .....
14. 10E .....
15. 20E .....
16. 50E .....
17. 100E .....
18. 200E .....
19. 500E .....
20. 1000E .....

Above set reported but not seen by us.